

## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A screw having a screw-threaded shank and a circular head, the head being provided with at least one radially extending screwdriver tip receiving portion defined between a first, ~~off-central~~ integrally formed projection of a generally right-angled triangle cross-section seen in a plane parallel to the axis of the screw head wherein the hypotenuse of the right angled triangle slopes from the bottom of the first projection to the top thereof such that it is designed to become shaved-off the screw head by a pre-set shear force applied during tightening of the screw, and a second, integrally formed projection designed to withstand a shear force greater than the said pre-set force applied during slackening of the screw.
2. (Original) The screw of Claim 1 comprising three pairs of the first and the second projections equi-angularly located on the head of the screw.
3. (Cancelled).
4. (Cancelled).
5. (Currently Amended) The screw of Claim-4 2 wherein the sloping side of the first projections face the tightening, clockwise direction of the screw.
6. (Original) The screw of Claim 5 wherein the second ~~protrusions~~ projections are of a generally isosceles triangle cross-section seen in a plane normal to the axis of the screw head.
7. (Original) The screw of Claim 5 wherein the second projections are of a generally right- angled cross-section seen in a plane parallel to the axis of the screw head.
8. (Original) The screw of Claim 7 wherein the hypotenuse of the right angled triangle slopes from the bottom of the second projections to the top thereof.
9. (Original) The screw of Claim 8 wherein the sloping side of second projections face the slackening, counter-clockwise direction of the screw.
10. (Original) The screw of Claim 1 wherein the projections are produced by forging process applied to the screw head.

11. (Original) The screw of Claim 1 further comprising a circular depression at the center of the head.
12. (Original) The screw of Claim 1 further comprising a circular boss at the center of the head.
13. (Withdrawn) A tool for operating screws according to Claim 2 comprising a circular handle and three, equi-angularly arranged and radially extending ribs fitting into the said screwdriver tip receiving portions.
14. (Withdrawn) The tool as claimed in Claim 13 further comprising a pin adapted to fit into the depression defined in Claim 11.
15. (Withdrawn) The tool as claimed in Claim 13 further comprising a depression adapted to fit over the boss defined in Claim 12.